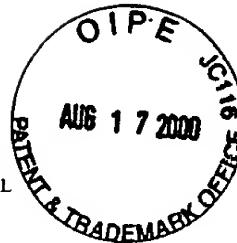


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AMENDMENT

In response to the Final Office Action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 36, 37 and 39; and amend claims 27, 35 and 38 as follows: